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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Fancy Hill ECHS #230				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: South Side Hess Rd. 0.75 miles east of Manor Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		Public Acquisition:		Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Griswold, III				
STREET AND NUMBER: Hess Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Towson		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Bk. #1125, p. 375				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historic Sites Inventory, Baltimore County				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fancy Hill is a fieldstone, two and one-half storey, three bay house with a single, flush end chimney centered on the west gable. The (original) principal entrance, with (originally) a transom, is in the easterly bay of the south front; above the present principal entrance, in the same bay, on the north side, a window at mid-storey height marks the stair landing inside. Large, rough stone lintels support masonry above the 6/6 windows. Extensive two storey frame additions extend east and west, and a one storey frame dining room addition covers the south front. All the additions date from the 20th century, but they reflect the very traditional early 19th century styling of the main house.

A side hall, with an open staircase, with landings, extending clear to the finished third storey, extends through the house at the east end. The slim round poplar rail is supported by slim turned newels and plain square balusters. West of the hall is a single room on each floor. The mantel in the first storey is approximately contemporary with, but not original to, the house; the second storey mantel, with its engaged columns of the Doric order, with exaggerated entasis, is said to be original. Other trim, including corner-block architraves and six panel doors with shallow raises, appears original, all characteristic of ca. 1825.

In the unfinished cellar, a wood lintel supports the fireplace hearths.

Immediately northeast of the house is a one storey square stone smoke house with a high pyramidal roof, retaining its original, interesting framing, including diagonally crossed beams at the plate level.

An early photograph from the north shows a wood two storey east wing, the roof outline of which can be seen on the stone east gable. Neither a west wing nor window openings on the stone west wall are apparent in the photograph.

James T. Wollen, Jr.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>Local history</u>                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fancy Hill is a large fieldstone house with additions of various dates, but the main house reflects early 19th century construction. The exact origin of the original house is not clear.

The site of this house is on the original lots 9 and 10. Lot 9 was obtained from the original 1782 auction sale by Clement Skerratt (Steratt-Sherratt.) (-1) This property deeded in 1785 by Joseph Reed and Robert Smith. (-2)

Lot 10 was purchased in the original sale in 1782 by Clement Skerratt (or Sherratt.) (-3) A deed was issued for this property later in 1782 in the name of Adam McGaw. (-4) In 1785 the property was purchased by Joseph Reed. (-5)

Lot number 9 corresponds in acreage roughly to the property in the name of Joseph Reed on the 1798 Direct Federal Tax Assessment. (-6) The acreage listed in the 1785 sale is 143 acres. (-2) The acreage in the 1798 Tax Assessment is 130 acres. The adjoining properties in the 1798 Tax Assessment are appropriate for this property. According to the same document, this property was the site of a dwelling house of hewn logs and an old dwelling house of hewn logs used as a kitchen. Neither of these structures are in evidence today. In 1817, a portion of this property was transferred from Joseph Reed to John Royston. (-7)

The 1823 Tax Assessment for District 5 Baltimore County is of no assistance on this property. There are a number of Roystons listed, none specifically owning this piece of property. There is no owner listed for lot number 9 in the document.

On the 1850 map of Baltimore County, a structure is illustrated in the appropriate place for this house under the name of R. Royston.

This documentation confirms local legend that the original section of Fancy Hill was built by John Royston.

The present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Griswold, III.

## References:

1. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55-56.
2. Liber WG#X folio 729
3. Salebook of Confiscated British Property 1781-85, pp. 55-56.
4. Proceedings of the Commission for Confiscated Property, 1781-82, p. 235
5. Liber WG#X folio 732.
6. Gunpowder Upper & Mine Run Hundreds Items 1589, 1842.
7. Liber WG#144 folio 46.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 132 acres

## Acreage Justification:

Acreage owned by present resident comprises farm and is adequate to insure preservation of immediate environment.

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: R.M.N. Grosby, M. D.	
ORGANIZATION My Lady's Manor Association	DATE January 1975
STREET AND NUMBER: Rt. 1, Box 42	
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE <b>Maryland</b>	
COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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<b>Manakton</b>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
<b>Maryland</b>		<b>Baltimore</b>	
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
<b>U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map, Phoenix Quadrangle, Maryland</b>			
SCALE: <b>1:24,000</b>			
DATE: <b>1957</b>			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Lotitude and longitude reference.			

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT: <b>R.M.N. Crosby, M. D.</b>			
DATE OF PHOTO: <b>January 1975</b>			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b> <b>21 State Circle, Annapolis, Md.</b>			
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
<b>South (front) facade</b>			

